

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-17 and 19-23 are pending in this application.

Response to Requirement for Information

In the Office Action, the examiner stated that Applicants and the assignee are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application:

“State whether there is any potential infringement of the claimed subject matter known by Applicant. If so, state the name of any alleged infringing product and any alleged infringing parties and provide all information possessed by Applicant concerning any potential infringement actions.”

The Office states this: “the information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed claimed subject matter and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art.”

In response, Applicants and the assignee respectfully submit that no potential infringement of the claimed subject matter is known at this time. The examiner is assured that this statement is made with candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

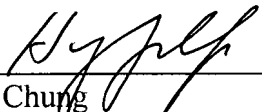
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the SIDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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